

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 134

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Jesse H. Jones Senior High School boys basketball team of the Houston Independent School District for winning the 4A state basketball championship title on March 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons captured the 4A state title with an exciting down-to-the-wire 63-61 victory over Dallas Independent School District's Lincoln High School; the victory marked the school's first state basketball championship since 1965; and

WHEREAS, With a season record of 31-5 and a district record of 18-0, the Falcons were ranked number one in the Greater Houston area during the entire season; the team won 21 straight games and finished in second place at the Academy National Invitational Tournament, Texas Division; and

WHEREAS, Team members Daniel Gibson, Arthur Doug Smith, Ray Sansom, Courvoisiea Jacobs, Jay Jenkins, Kendrick Bob, Matthew Valmore, Derrick Wilson, Dexter Webb, Isreal Chandler, Harrison Smith, and Terrance Jackson deserve to be proud of their efforts and their outstanding performance at the state championship playoffs; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons achieved their success under the superior direction of Head Coach Jessie Shelton III, Assistant Coach Welton Ray, and Assistant Coach Barrie Jones; other team staff members who have contributed to the Falcons' winning season are statisticians Sabrina Babineaux, Jasmine Scott, Tamika Chatman, and Trashina Barnett, manager Derrick Ford, and camera operators and technicians Johnathan Caraway and Max Casique; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons have exhibited much talent and tenacity on the basketball court and have practiced the highest ideals of sportsmanship throughout the season, and they are a source of much pride to their school and the Houston community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend the Jesse H. Jones Senior High School basketball team for their exceptional accomplishments and congratulate them on their 4A state basketball championship; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate